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MAXIMUM CARNAGE

PART
7 OF 14

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



VENOM!
CARNAGE!
DOPPLEGANGER!
DEMOGOBLIN!
DEATHLOK!

THINGS
GET EVEN
WILDER!

BAGS
+ '93
R.E.

IN BROOKLYN, AT THE RUINS OF THE ST. ESTES HOME FOR BOYS, THE BLACK CAT'S PATIENCE COMES TO AN END!

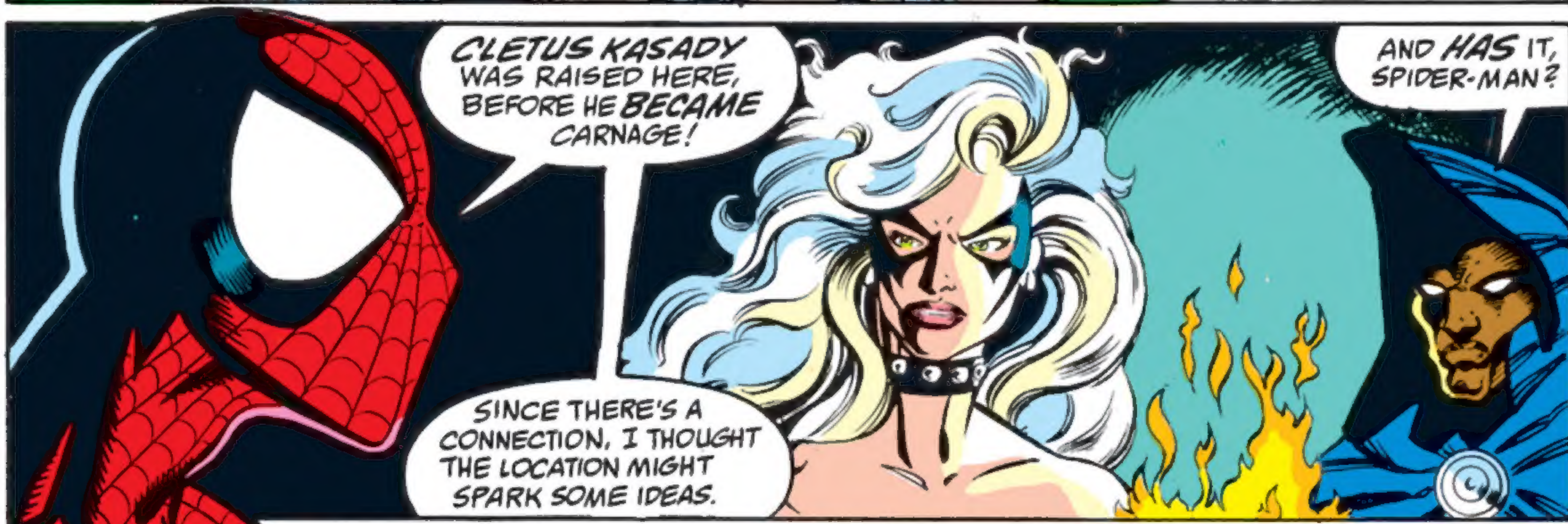
OKAY, SPIDER, COMING HERE WAS YOUR IDEA! SO--

--WHAT NOW?





I MEAN, WE WANT TO FIND **CARNAGE** AND HIS ROVING BAND OF PSYCHOS, RIGHT? SO WHAT THE HECK ARE WE DOING *HERE*?



CLETUS KASADY WAS RAISED HERE, BEFORE HE BECAME **CARNAGE**!

AND HAS IT, SPIDER-MAN?

SINCE THERE'S A CONNECTION, I THOUGHT THE LOCATION MIGHT SPARK SOME IDEAS.

JUST *MEMORIES*, CLOAK. **CARNAGE** LIVES TO BRING **CHAOS**, THINKS LAWS ARE JUST WORDS, TO BE IGNORED.

HE BELIEVES THAT **BLOODSHED** IS THE ULTIMATE FREEDOM!



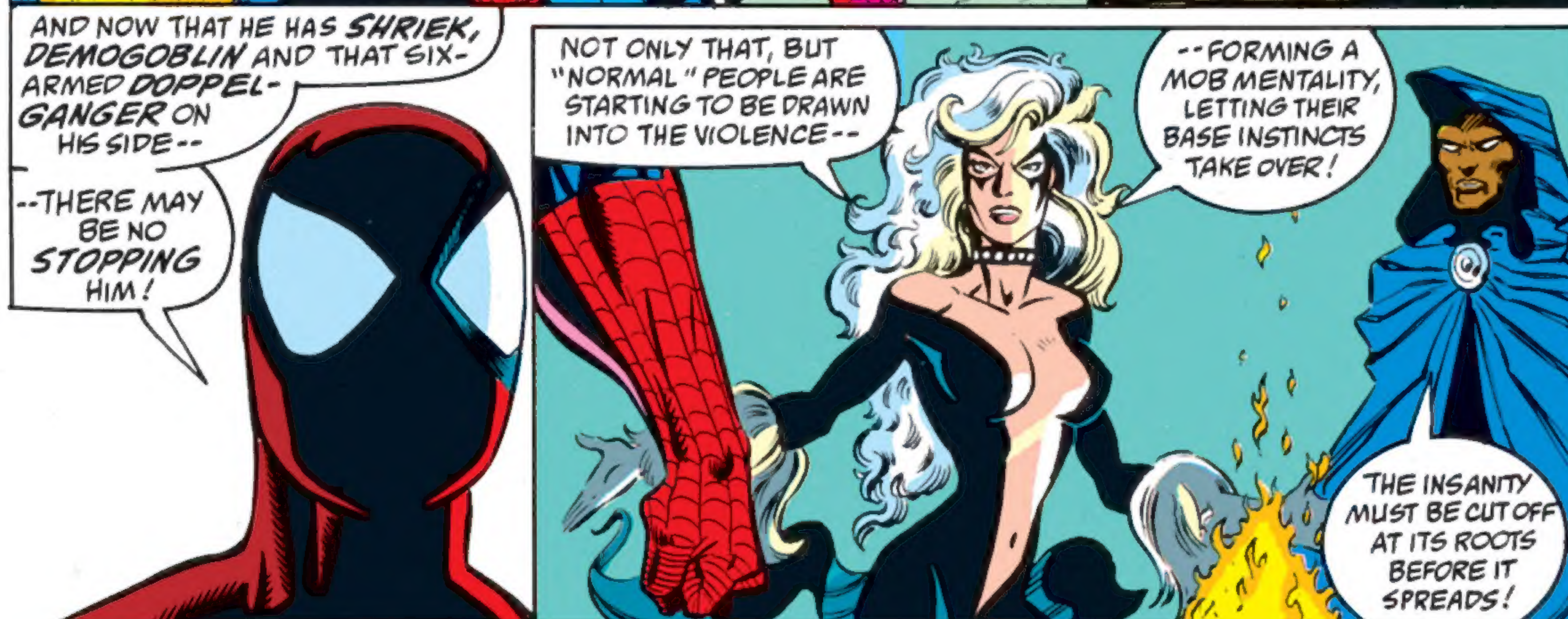
AND NOW THAT HE HAS **SHRIEK**, **DEMOGOBLIN** AND THAT SIX-ARMED **DOPPELGANGER** ON HIS SIDE--

--THERE MAY BE NO STOPPING HIM!

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT "NORMAL" PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO BE DRAWN INTO THE VIOLENCE--

--FORMING A MOB MENTALITY, LETTING THEIR BASE INSTINCTS TAKE OVER!

THE INSANITY MUST BE CUT OFF AT ITS ROOTS BEFORE IT SPREADS!



CARNAGE HAS APPARENTLY MUTATED, BUT HE **BEGAN** AS A SPAWN OF **OUR** SYMBIOTIC COSTUME--

-- AND MAY STILL POSSESS THE SAME **VULNERABILITIES!**

AND **WE** ALWAYS FOUND REED RICHARDS'S **SONIC GUN** RATHER... UNPLEASANT.

THEN, WHEN WE GET IT AT **FANTASTIC FOUR** HEADQUARTERS, WE CAN RECRUIT THE HUMAN TORCH! **FIRE** HURTS YOU, TOO, DOESN'T IT?

GOOD IDEA, BAD TIMING!

GOOD POINT, VENOM!

WAITASEC-- I'M **PRAISING** MY WORST **ENEMY**?!?

THE **FF** ARE OUT OF TOWN! THE **AVENGERS**, TOO. BUT **FIRESTAR** MIGHT BE A GOOD SUBSTITUTE!

FINDING HER COULD TAKE TIME, THOUGH.

I'LL GO.

WITH MY TELEPORTATION ABILITIES, I CAN SEARCH FOR HER MUCH QUICKER THAN ANY OF--

--YOU!

OH, MAN...

HEY-- NOW THAT I HAVE A SECOND TO THINK ABOUT IT... DOESN'T HE NEED **DAGGER** TO HELP HIM TELEPORT?

BUT-- SHE'S... DEAD...

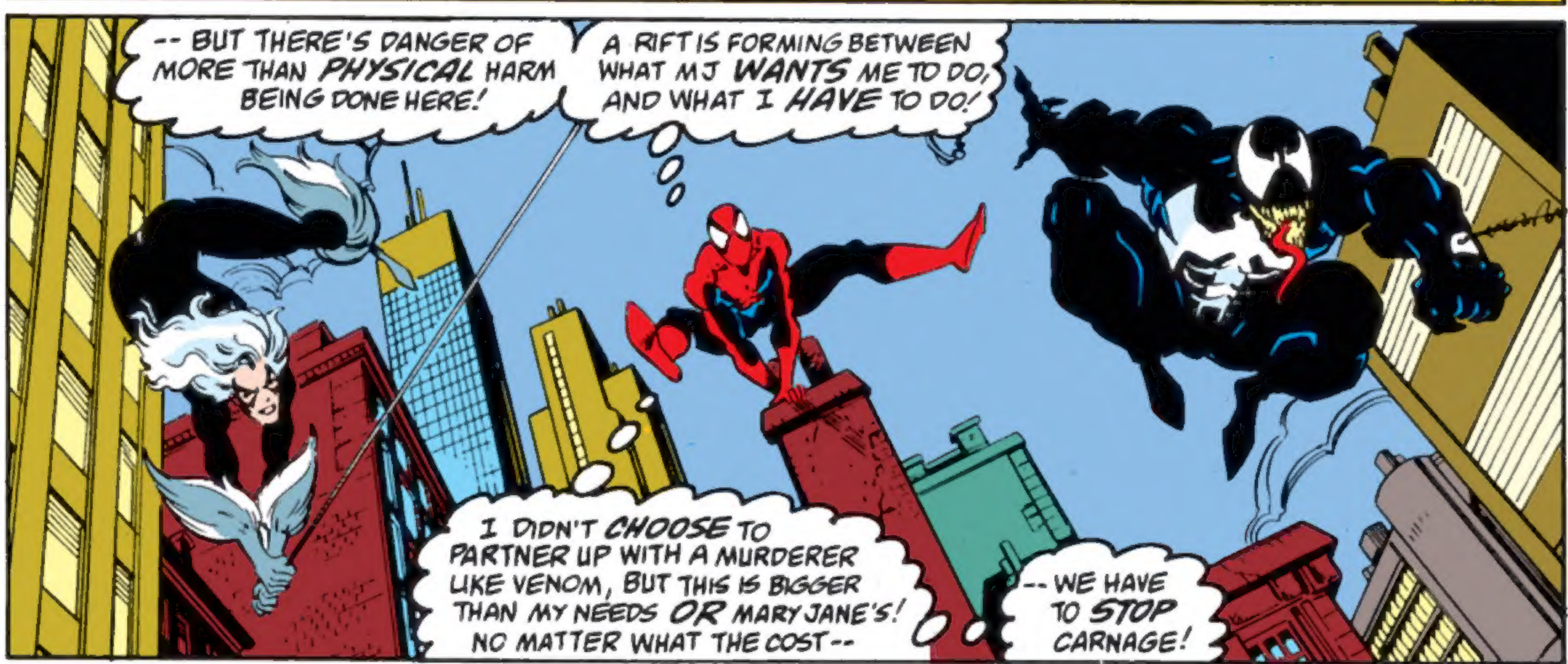
...THE WAY THAT GUY TRAVELS MAKES **WEB-SWINGING** SEEM LIKE TAKING A CROSTOWN **TURTLE!**

MOMENTS LATER, AS AN UNLIKELY TRIO TRAVERSES MANHATTAN IN ITS OWN UNIQUE MANNER...



WISH I'D HAD TIME TO CALL MARY JANE.

I MEAN, I KNOW SHE DIDN'T TAKE ANY SEVERE DAMAGE AT THAT DANCE CLUB BRAWL --



-- BUT THERE'S DANGER OF MORE THAN PHYSICAL HARM BEING DONE HERE!

A RIFT IS FORMING BETWEEN WHAT MJ WANTS ME TO DO, AND WHAT I HAVE TO DO!

I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO PARTNER UP WITH A MURDERER LIKE VENOM, BUT THIS IS BIGGER THAN MY NEEDS OR MARY JANE'S! NO MATTER WHAT THE COST --

-- WE HAVE TO STOP CARNAGE!

A SENTIMENT SHARED BY MICHAEL MORBIUS, THE LIVING VAMPIRE WHO HAS RECENTLY ALLIED HIMSELF WITH SPIDER-MAN'S CAUSE.

HE'S BEEN SENT TO RAVENCROFT ASYLUM ON A TASK BOTH VITAL--



-- AND FRAUGHT WITH UNEXPECTED COMPLICATIONS!



NO! HAVE TO IGNORE MY HUNGER! TONIGHT, BLOOD ISN'T THE ANSWER!

THE WOMAN CALLED SHRIEK IS PSYCHOTIC; IN HER OWN WAY, AS DANGEROUS AS CARNAGE HIMSELF!

BUT LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HER, SAVE THAT SHE ESCAPED FROM THIS INSTITUTION!



AND IN A WAR SUCH AS THIS, KNOWLEDGE CAN BE A POWERFUL WEAPON!



AH.

Patient File #6309564
Sandra Deel; alias SHRIEK

PRINTING A HARD COPY WILL TAKE ONLY SECONDS, BUT GETTING IT TO MY ALLIES WILL HAVE TO WAIT! I MUST RETURN TO MY HYPERBARIC CHAMBER, AND SOON!

FOR IT'S ALMOST--



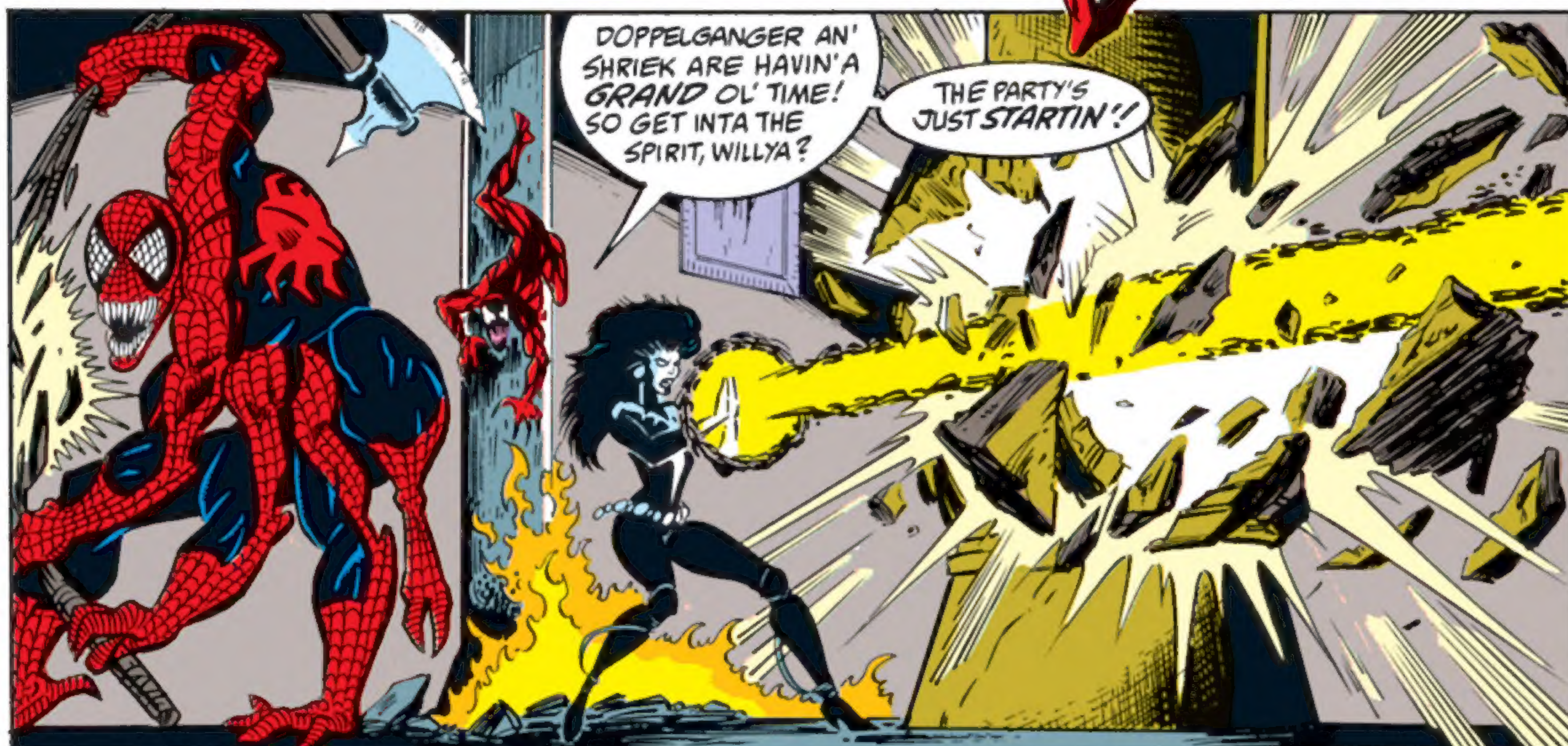
--DAWN, AS NEW YORK'S METROPOLITAN MUSEUM PLAYS HOST TO SOME UNAUTHORIZED VISITORS!

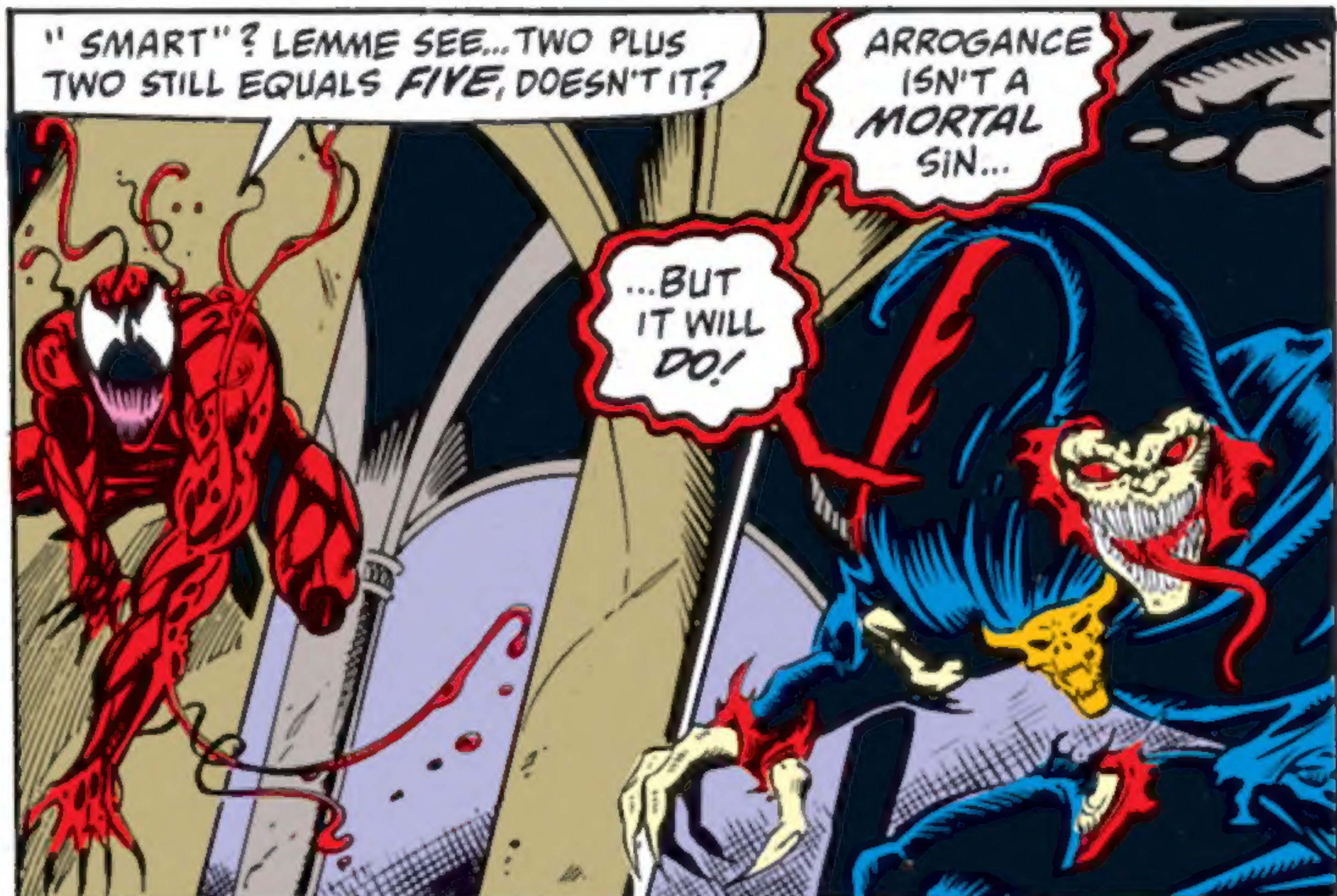


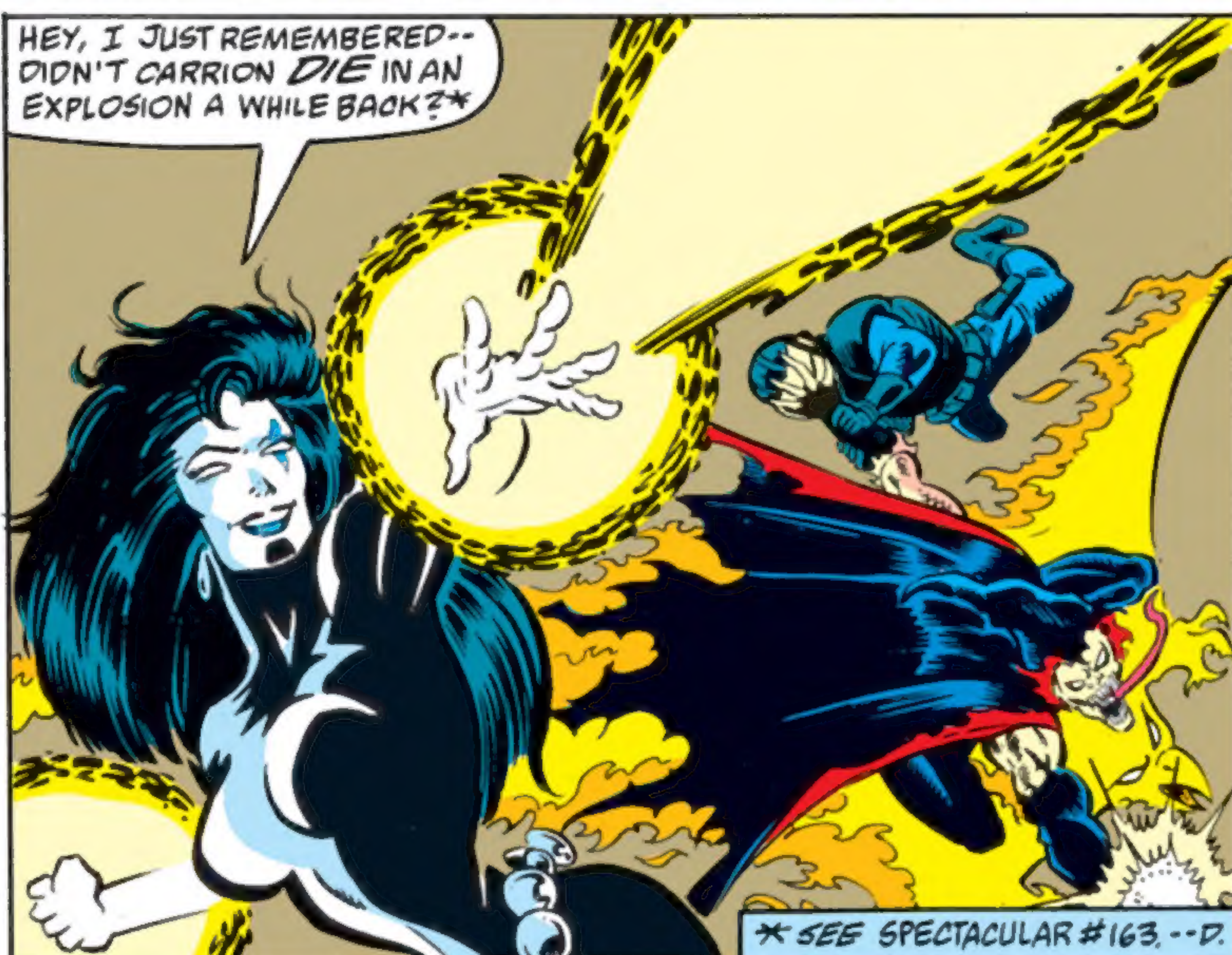
I AGREED TO JOIN YOU BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THERE'D BE SINNERS TO KILL! BUT THIS MINDLESS DESTRUCTION HAS NO MEANING!



BUT YOUR PROMISE, CARNAGE! WHERE ARE OUR UNRIGHT-EOUS VICTIMS?









WHO KNOWS--
AN' WHO CARES?



AS LONG
AS HE KEEPS
DRIVIN' THE
BODY COUNT
UP--

--I SAY
HE'S ONE
OF US!

SLOWLY, THE SLAUGHTER
DRAWS TO A CLOSE; WHILE
SOUTHWARD, IN SOHO...



MARY
JANE? ARE
YOU THERE?

IT'S LIZ-- LIZ OSBORN,
FROM DOWNSTAIRS. WE
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE
TO HAVE BREAKFAST
WITH--



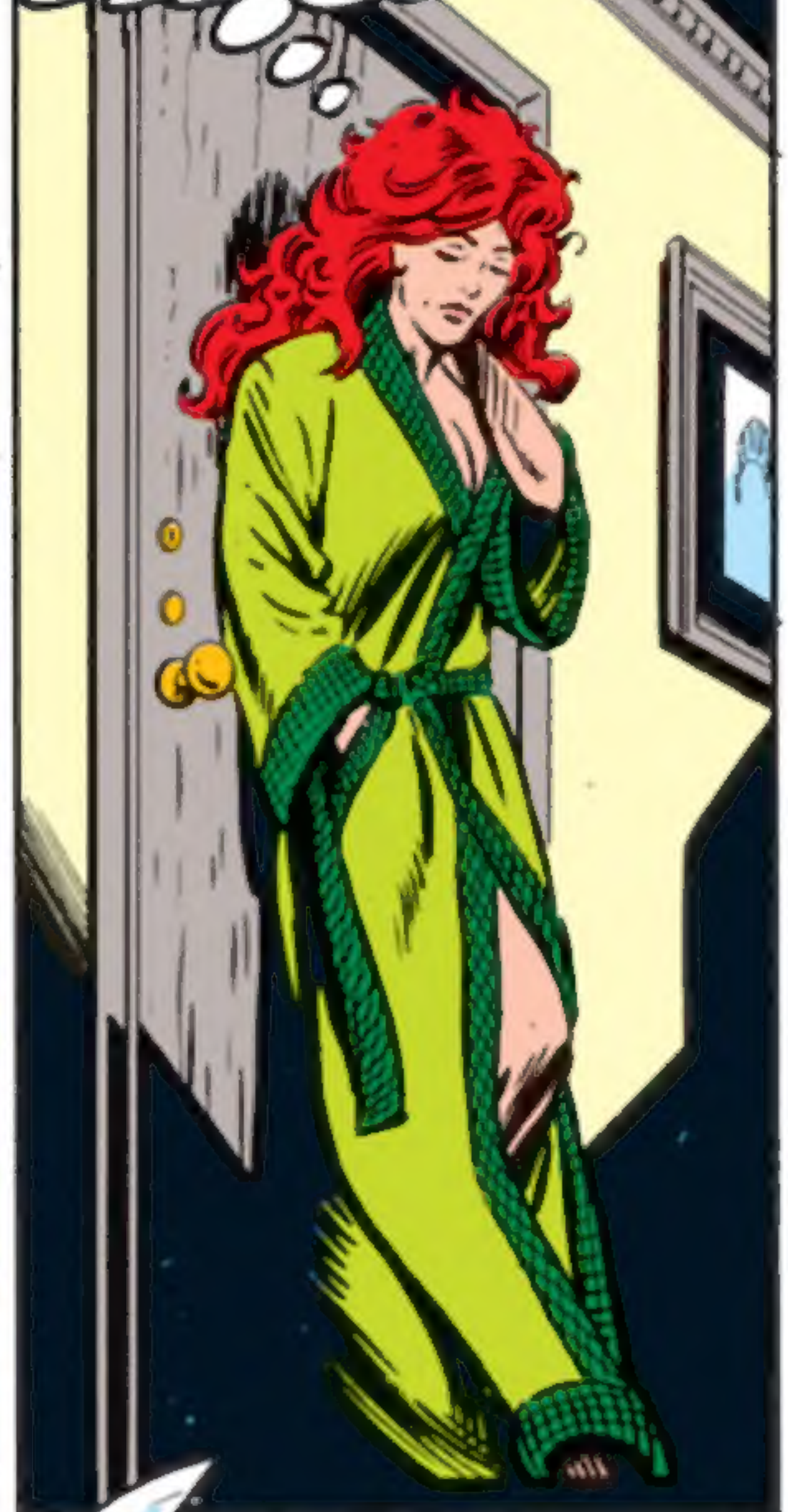
NO!

I ... I'M SORRY, LIZ.
I WAS OUT LATE LAST
NIGHT. I JUST NEED
TO REST. OKAY?



WELL...
CALL US IF
YOU NEED
US.

WHAT I NEED
IS FOR PETER
TO COME HOME!



HE SWORE
HE'D GIVE UP BEING
SPIDER-MAN
FOR A WHILE--

-- BUT INSTEAD HE'S
OUT FIGHTING THE WAVE
OF BIZARRE VIOLENCE
THAT'S SWEEPING THE
CITY. WHICH LEAVES
ME, THE HERO'S WIFE--

...ON MY
OWN!

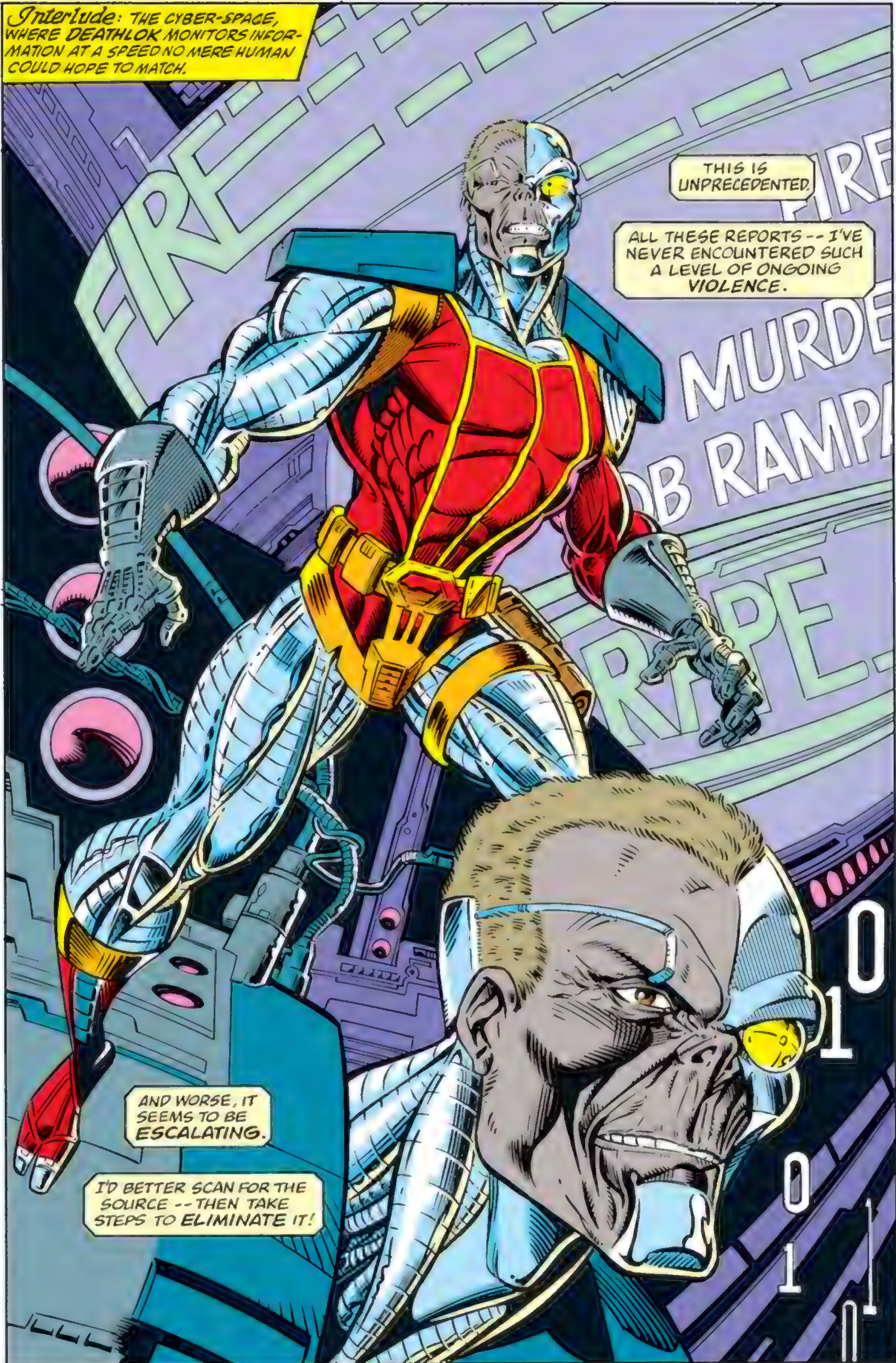
*Interlude: THE CYBER-SPACE,
WHERE DEATHLOK MONITORS INFOR-
MATION AT A SPEED NO MERE HUMAN
COULD HOPE TO MATCH.*

THIS IS
UNPRECEDENTED.

ALL THESE REPORTS -- I'VE
NEVER ENCOUNTERED SUCH
A LEVEL OF ONGOING
VIOLENCE.

AND WORSE, IT
SEEMS TO BE
ESCALATING.

I'D BETTER SCAN FOR THE
SOURCE -- THEN TAKE
STEPS TO ELIMINATE IT!



ELSEWHERE...



* SEE INFINITY WAR #2. -- Danny

THERE'S FOUR FREEDOMS PLAZA, HEADQUARTERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

IT WAS DAMAGED IN AN EXPLOSION,* BUT THE SECURITY SYSTEMS SHOULD STILL BE ACTIVE! WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN--

EEEK!



A CAR-JACKING?

THAT'S SMALL-TIME! I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO--



-- WHAT AM I SAYING?!

I CAN'T PICK AND CHOOSE WHO DESERVES TO BE SAVED!

JUST BECAUSE I'M WORKING WITH VENOM DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO START THINKING LIKE--



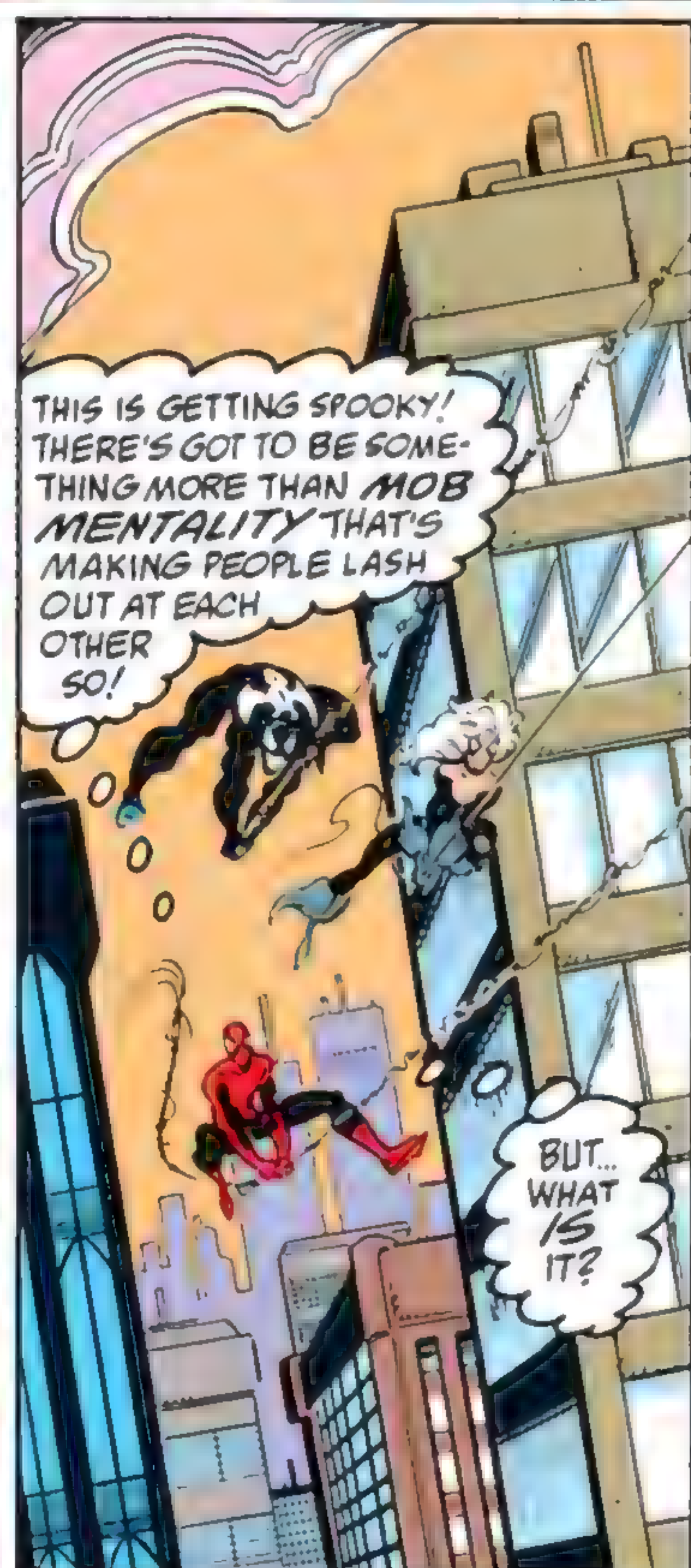
GET AWAY! I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY CAR, EITHER!

HUH? I-IS EVERYONE GOING NUTS?!

THANKS, POPS!



NOW KEEP 'IM BUSY WHILE I SQUEEZE OFF A COUPLE O'--



WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S SPREADING WEST, WHERE SPIDER-MAN'S FATHER AND AUNT WALK THE ONCE-HOSPITABLE STREETS OF FOREST HILLS...



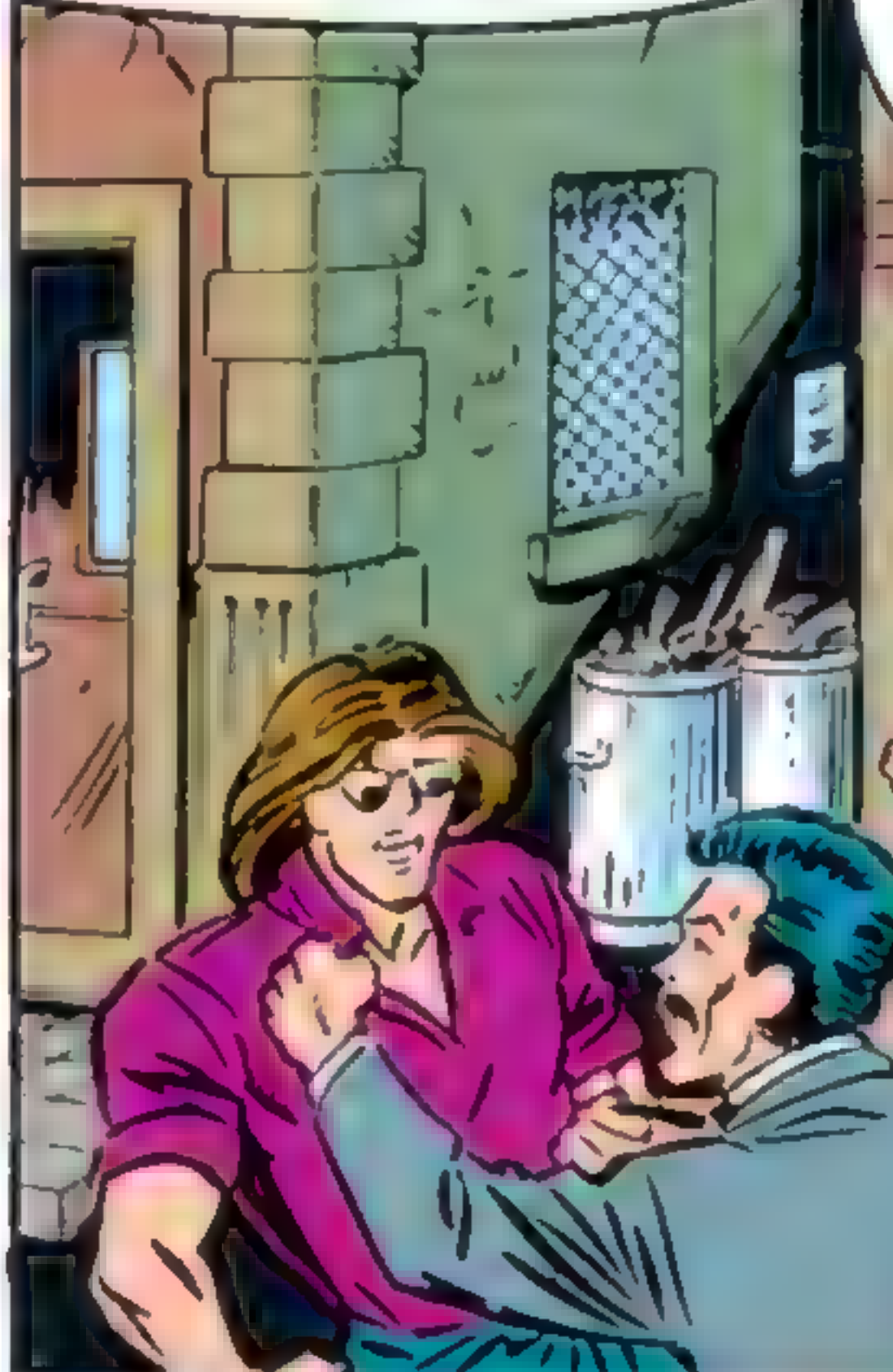
WE'D BETTER HURRY HOME, MAY.

I JUST WISH YOU'D LISTENED TO ME, WAITED TILL NEXT WEEK TO DEPOSIT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK!



I... I HAVE BEEN LISTENING, RICHARD.

IN FACT, I OVERHEARD WHAT YOU SAID TO PETER, ABOUT HITTING BACK, NOT TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK!

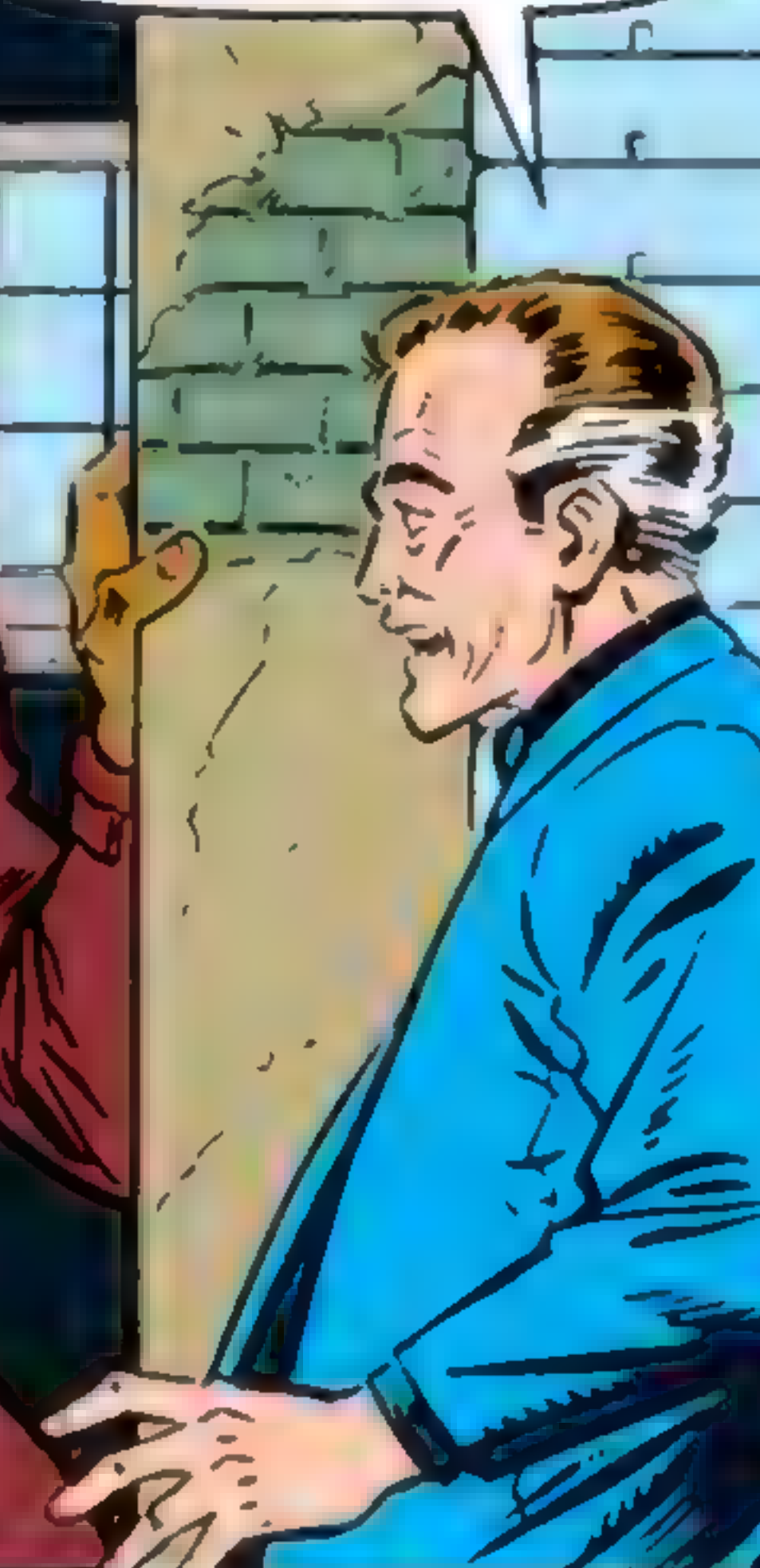


AND I DON'T LIKE IT! PEOPLE ARE GOOD, IF YOU JUST GIVE THEM A CHANCE! I DON'T WANT YOU FILLING PETER'S HEAD WITH ALL THAT--

THE GUY ON TV-- THAT CARNAGE FELLA-- HE'S RIGHT, Y'KNOW!



UH, 'SCUSE US, PAL, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE WAY.



I WORKED IN A TINY CUBICLE EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR TWELVE YEARS, AND ALL IT GOT ME WAS EYE-STRAIN AND A LAY-OFF NOTICE!



MAYBE IT IS TIME FOR CHAOS!



TIME TO TAKE WHAT YOU WANT!

RICHARD--!

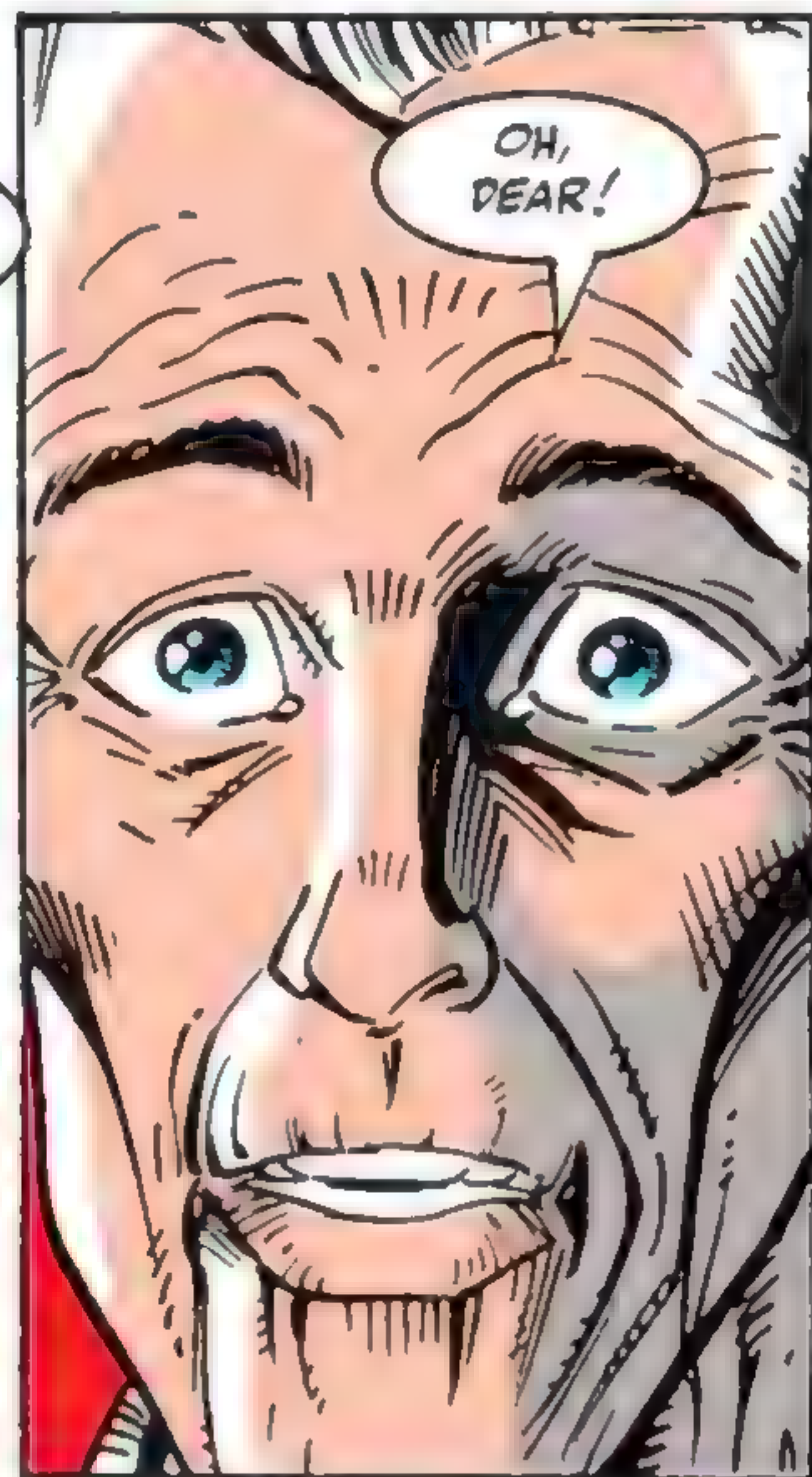


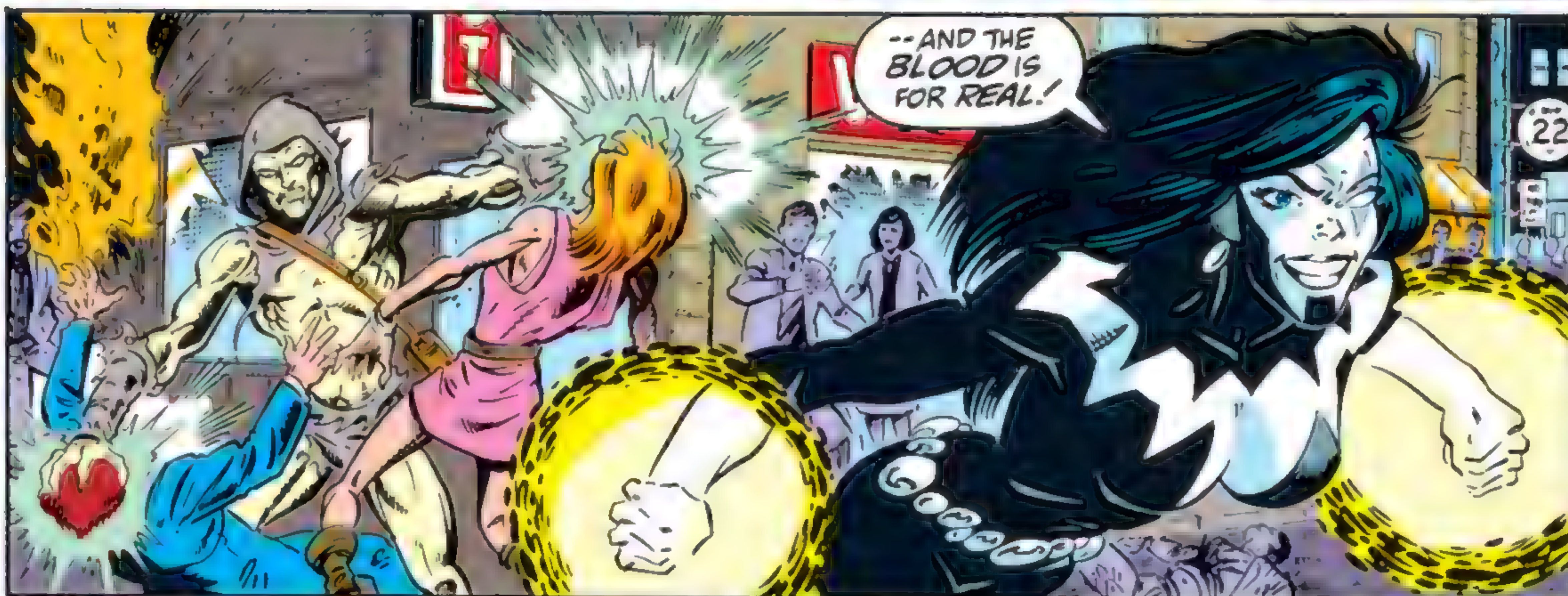
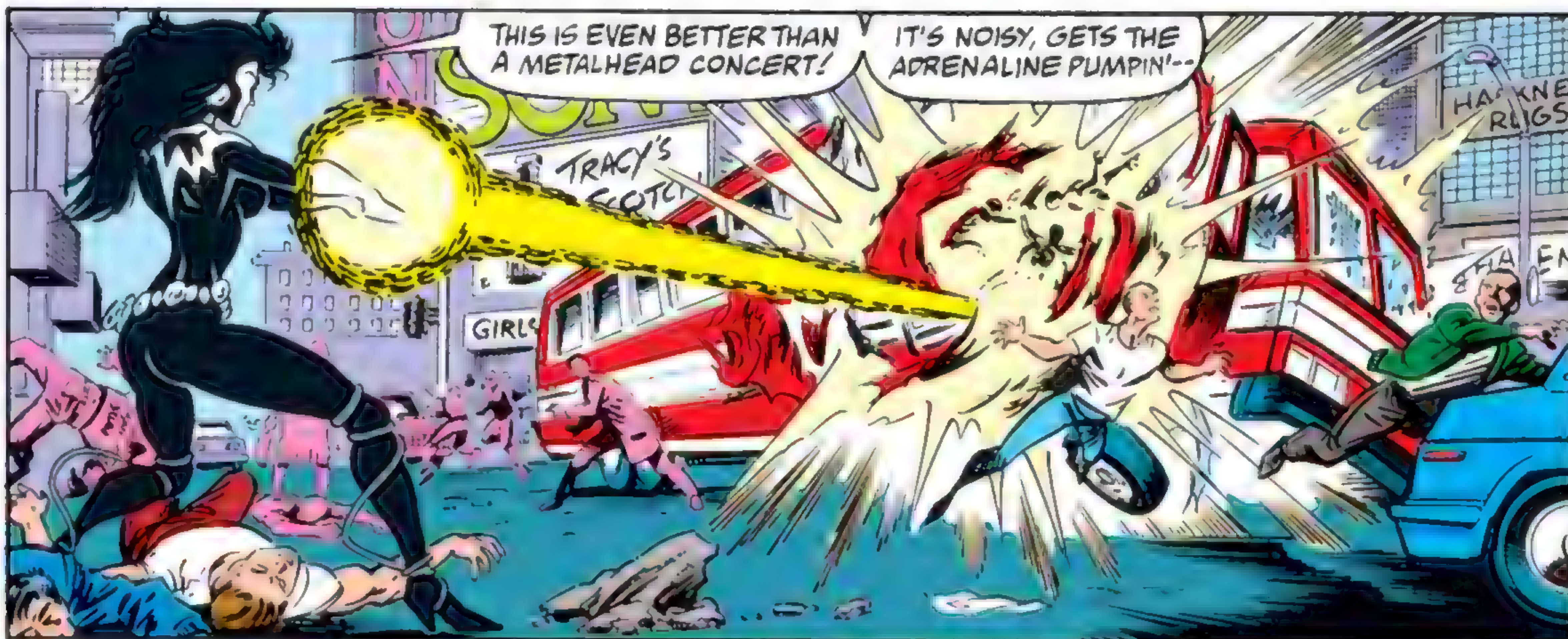
GIMME THAT PURSE, YA OLD BAG!

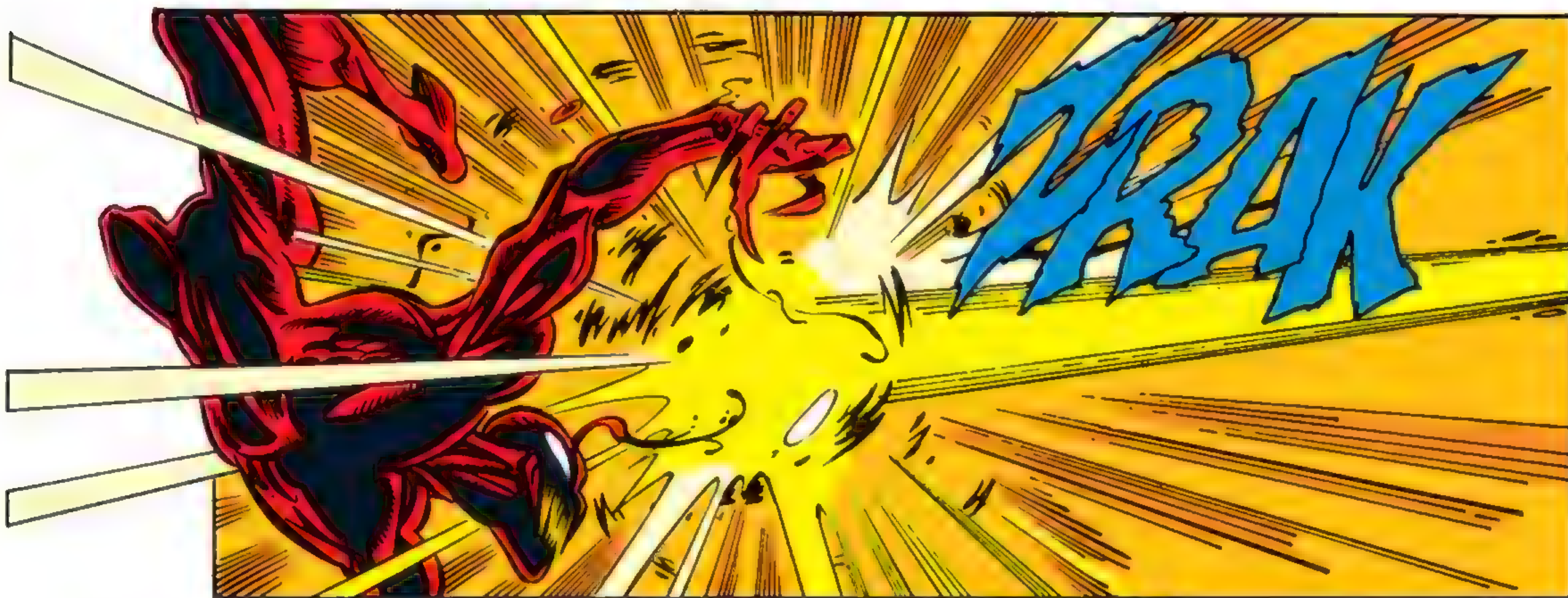
OR YOU'LL SEE WHAT "CARNAGE" REALLY MEANS!



I SAID GIVE IT TO ME!

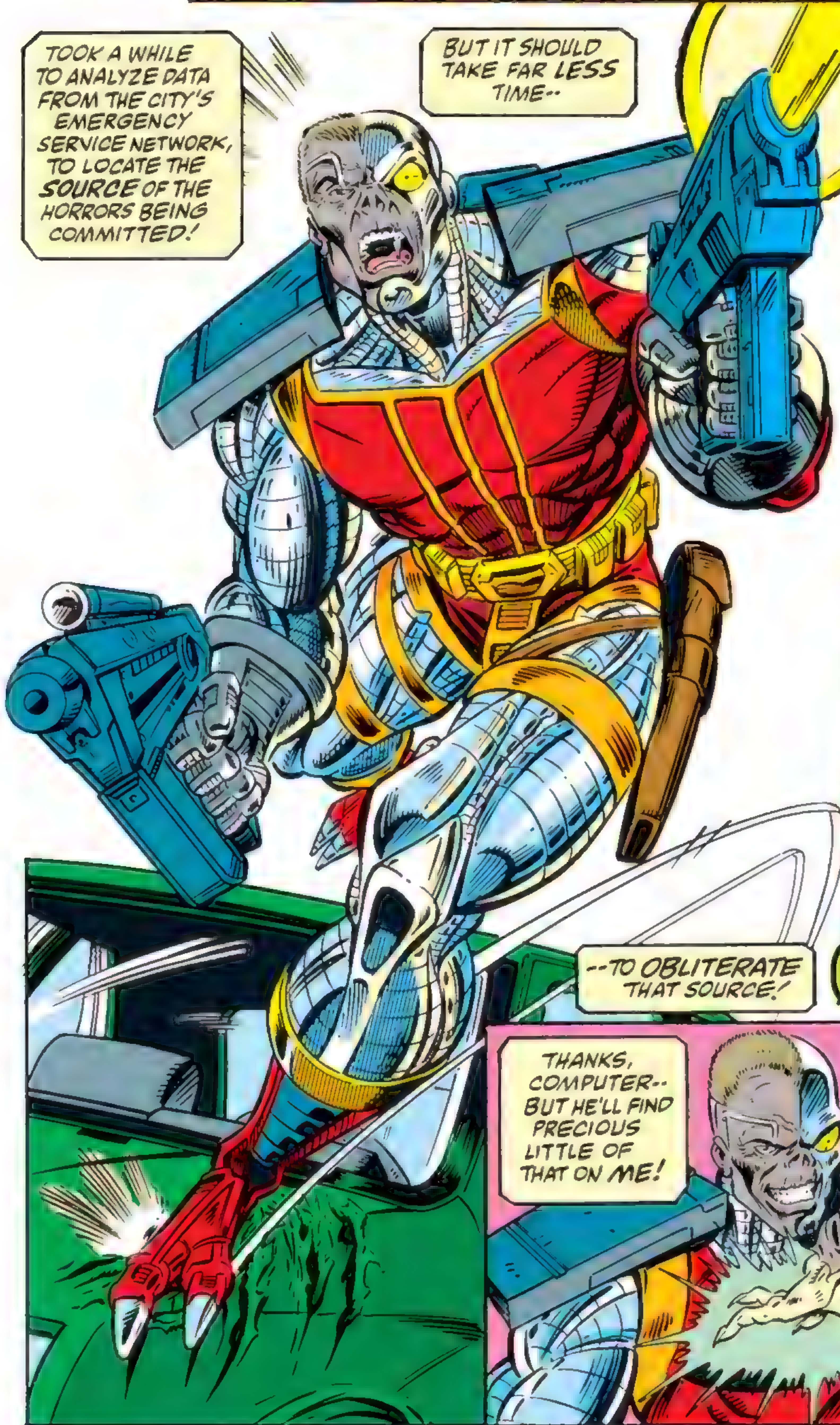






TOOK A WHILE
TO ANALYZE DATA
FROM THE CITY'S
EMERGENCY
SERVICE NETWORK,
TO LOCATE THE
SOURCE OF THE
HORRORS BEING
COMMITTED!

BUT IT SHOULD
TAKE FAR LESS
TIME--

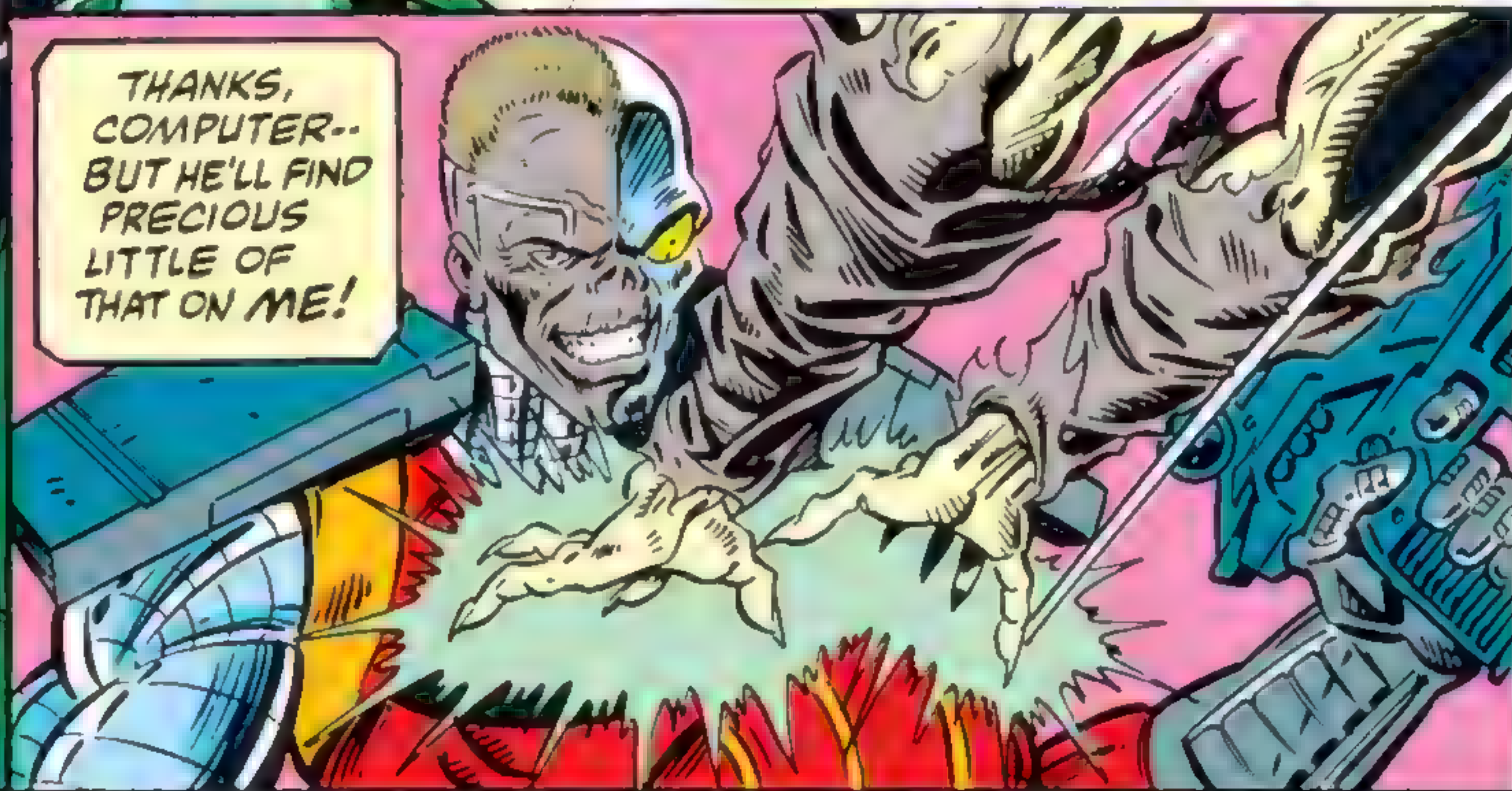


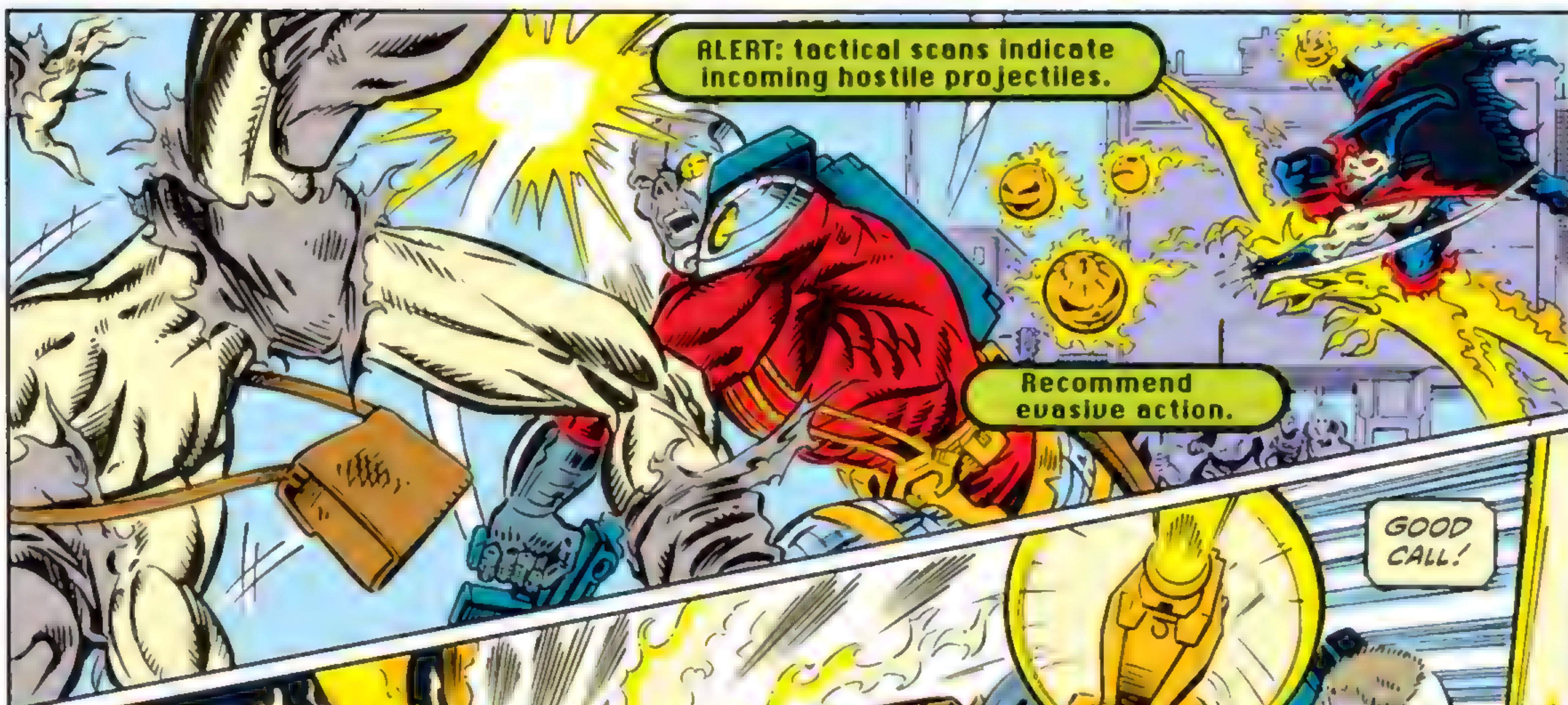
CARRION!
DISPOSE
OF THE
INTERLOPER!

--TO OBLITERATE
THAT SOURCE!

Opponent identification: "Carrion."
Subject's touch decays organic
matter, including flesh.

THANKS,
COMPUTER--
BUT HE'LL FIND
PRECIOUS
LITTLE OF
THAT ON ME!

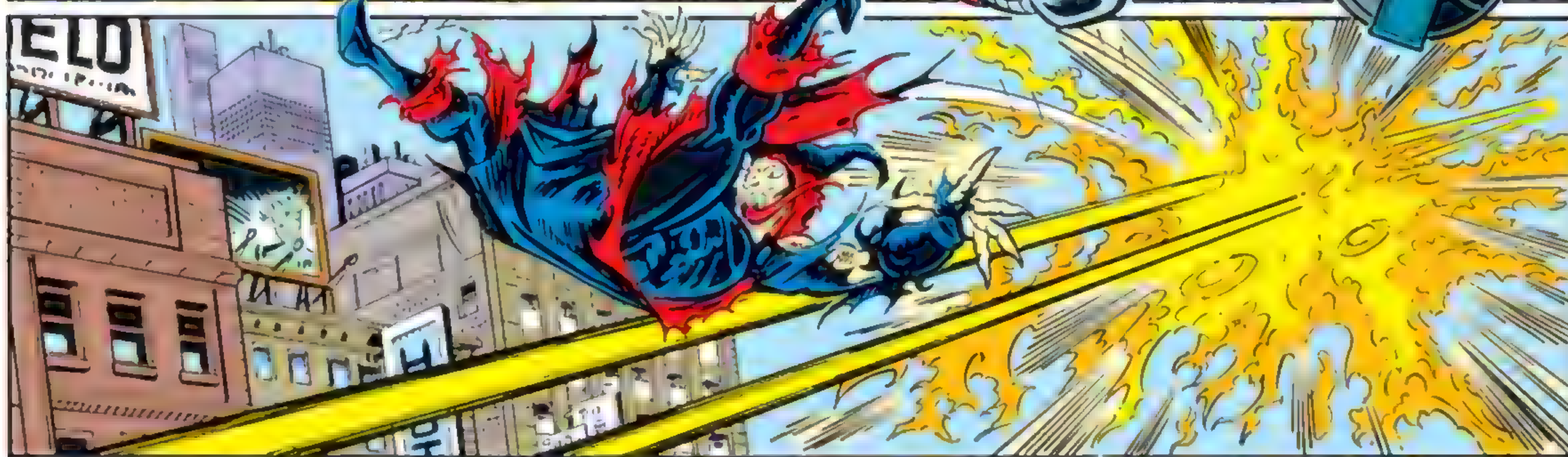
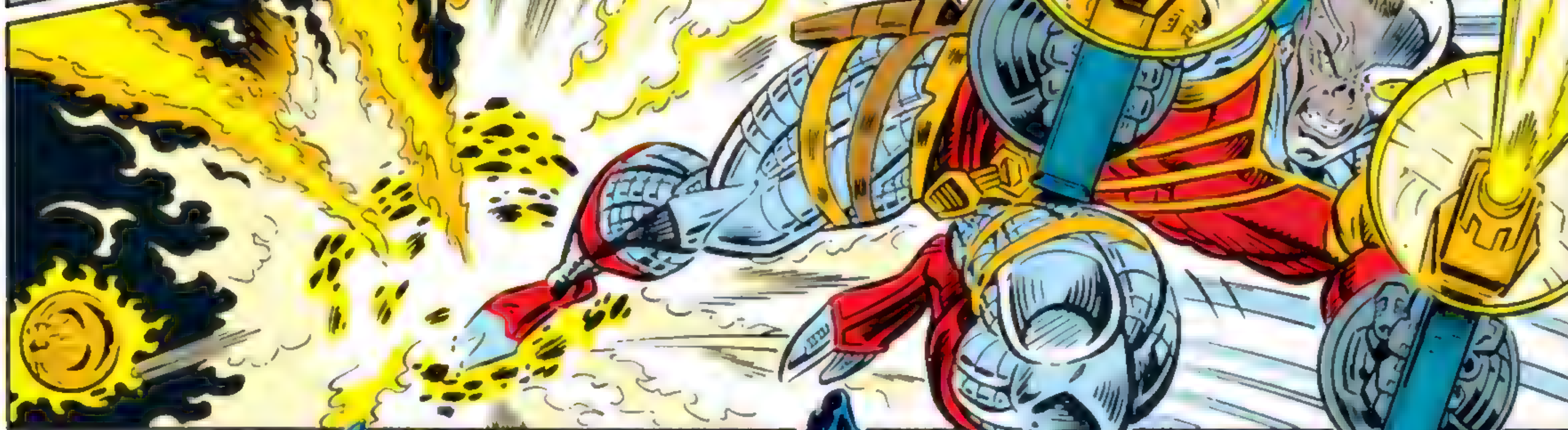




ALERT: tactical scans indicate incoming hostile projectiles.

Recommend evasive action.

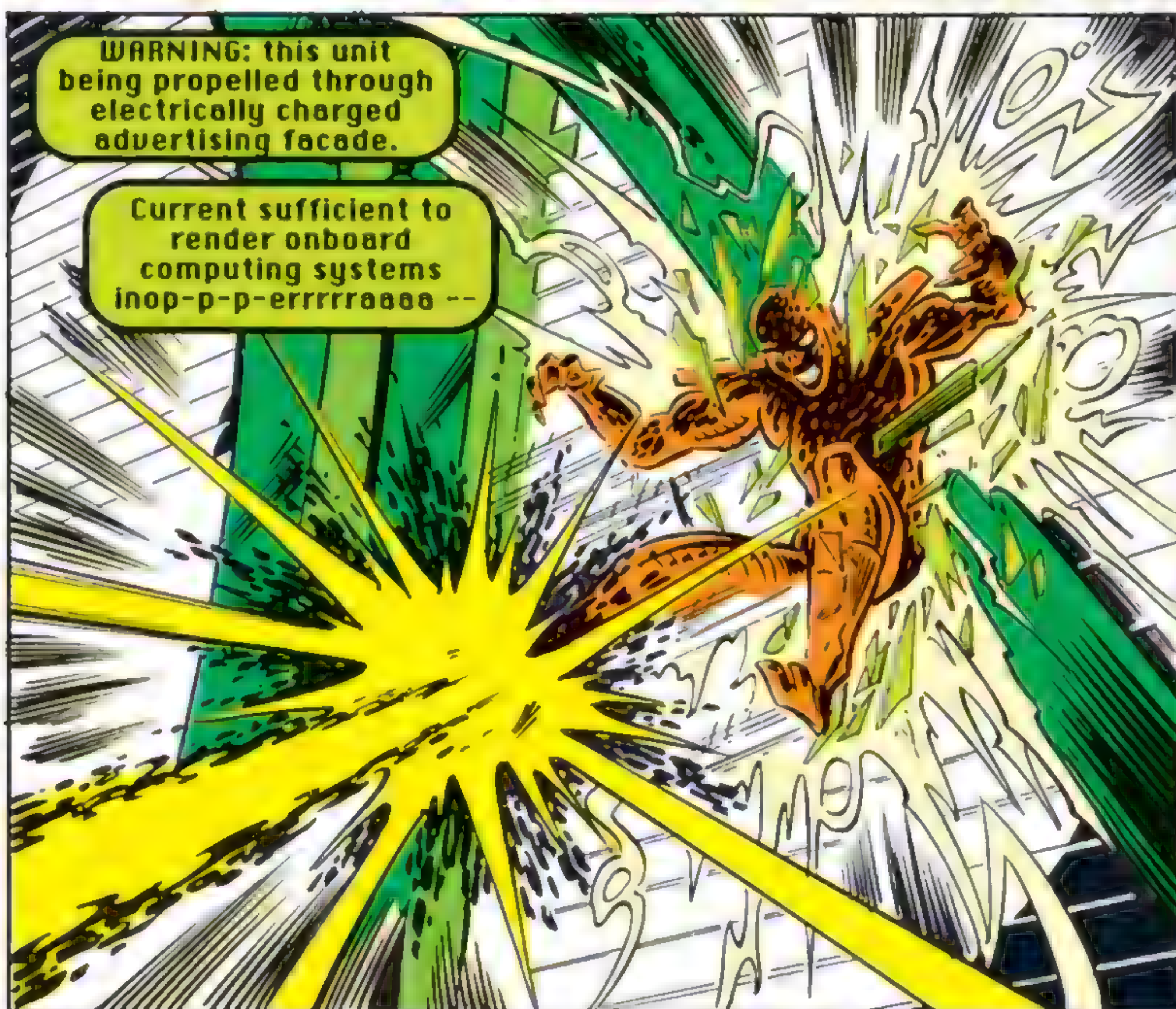
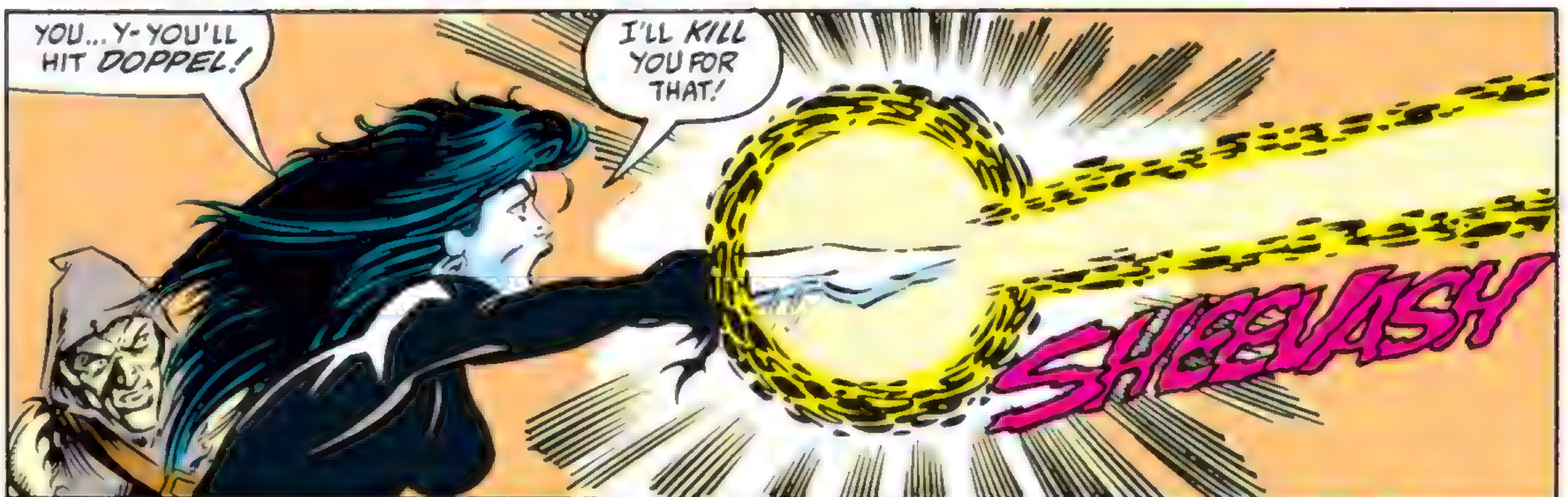
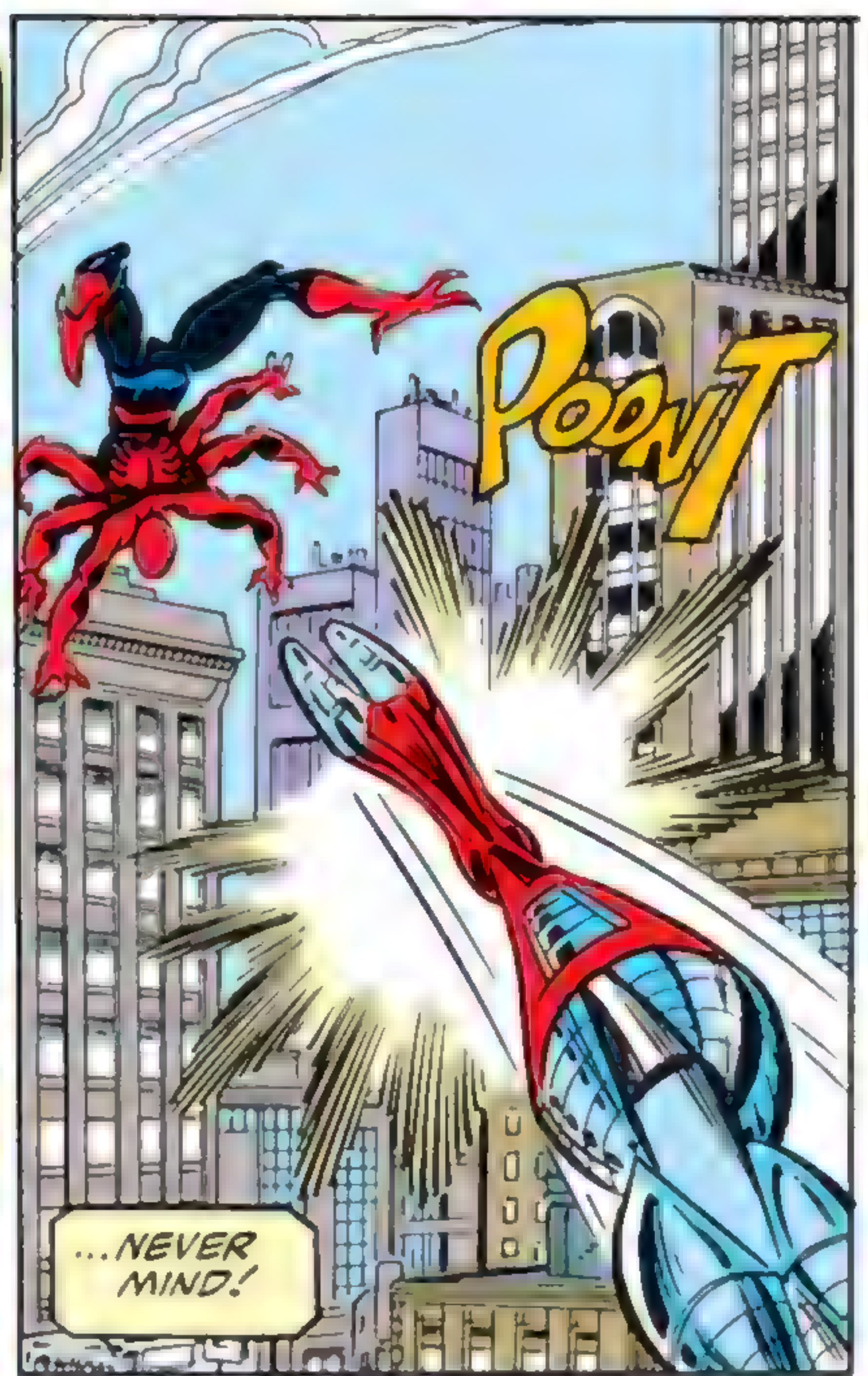
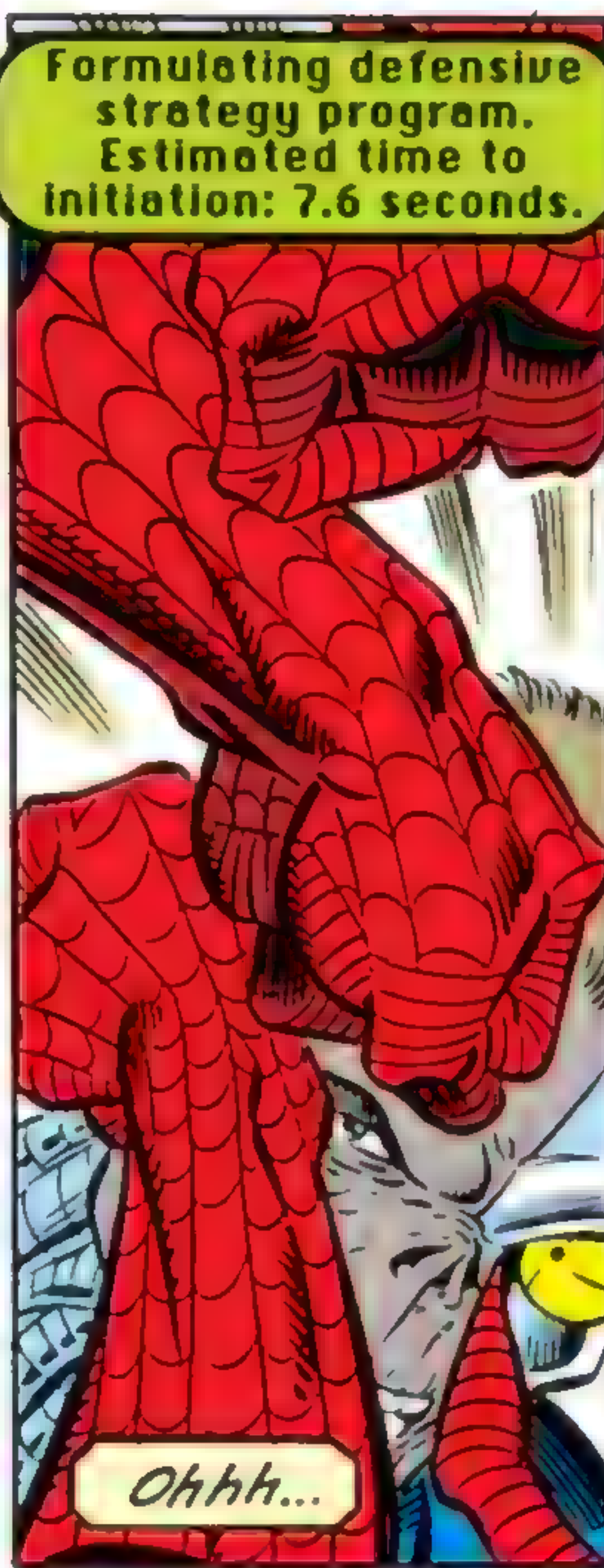
GOOD CALL!

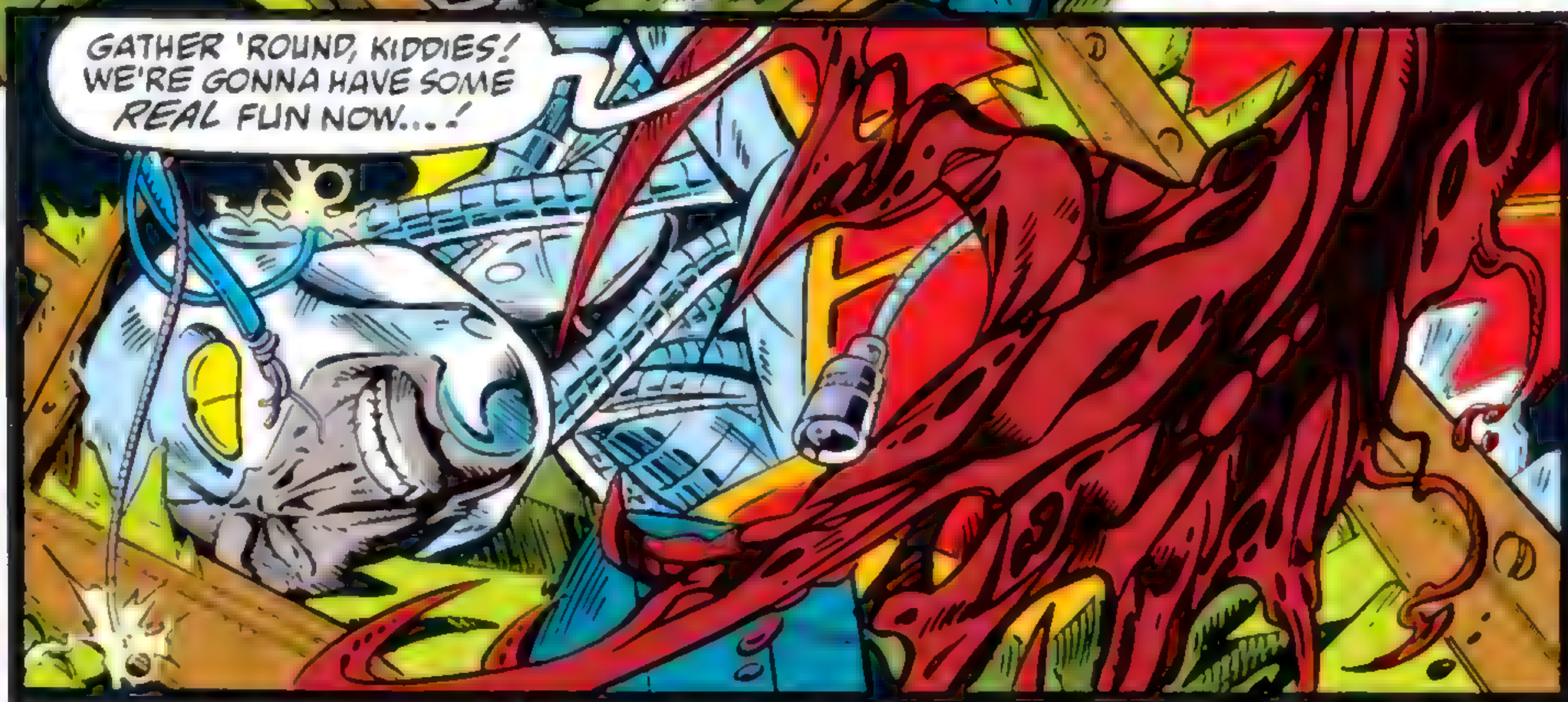


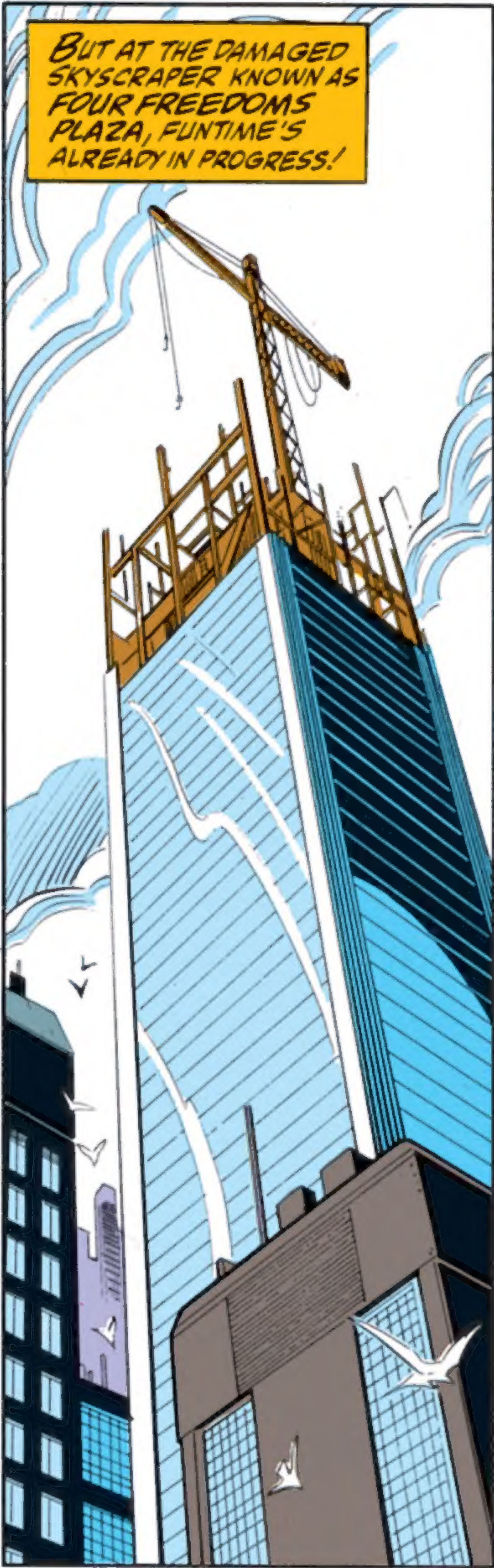
WHAT THE BLAZES WAS THAT?

Concentrated sonic force. Recommend --

I KNOW-- "EVASIVE ACTION"!!



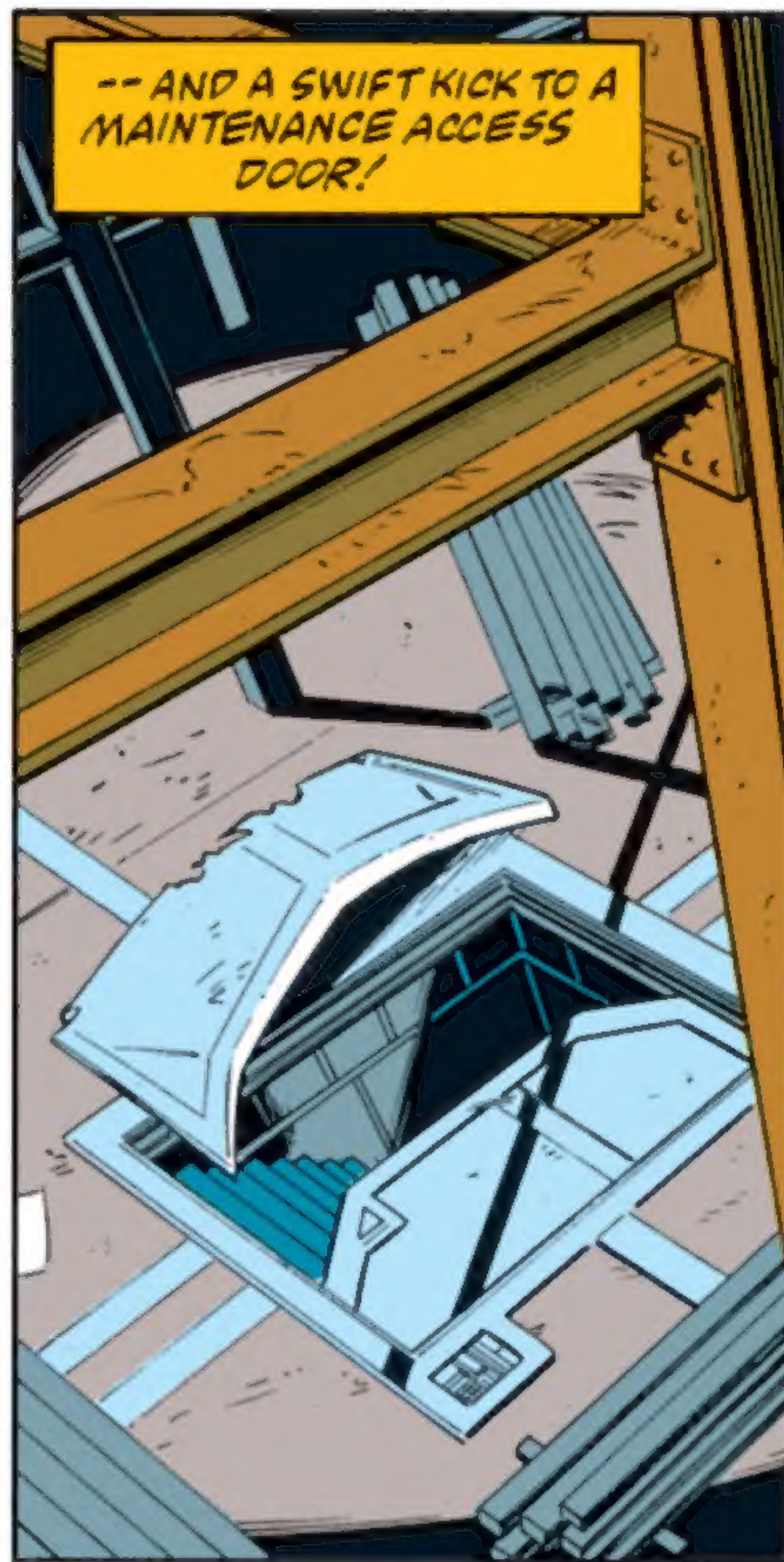




BUT AT THE DAMAGED
SKYSCRAPER KNOWN AS
FOUR FREEDOMS
PLAZA, FUNTIME'S
ALREADY IN PROGRESS!



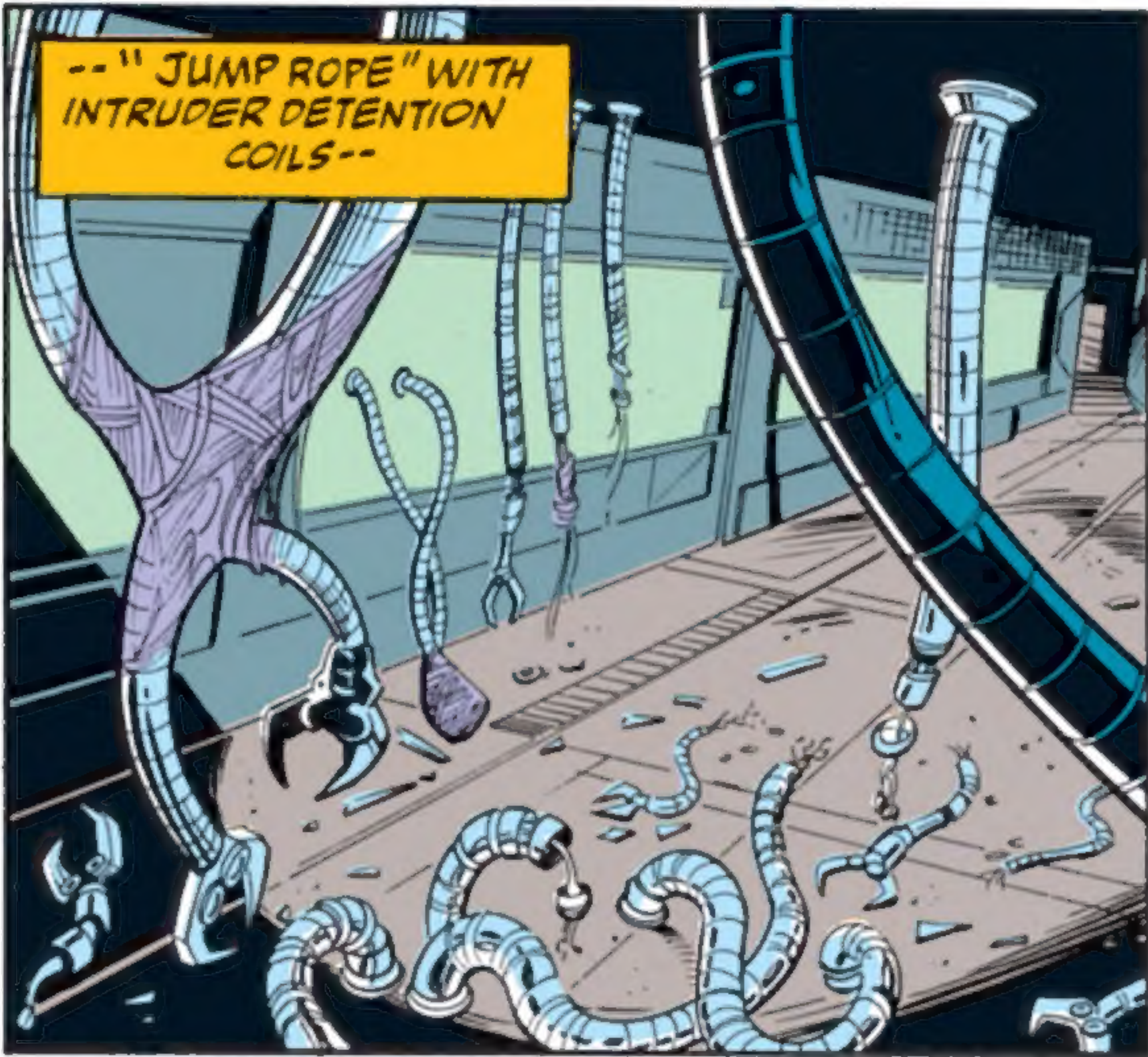
"OLLIE-OLLIE-OXEN-FREE"
HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY
A PRECISE PUNCH TO PERIMETER
ALARM CONTROLS--



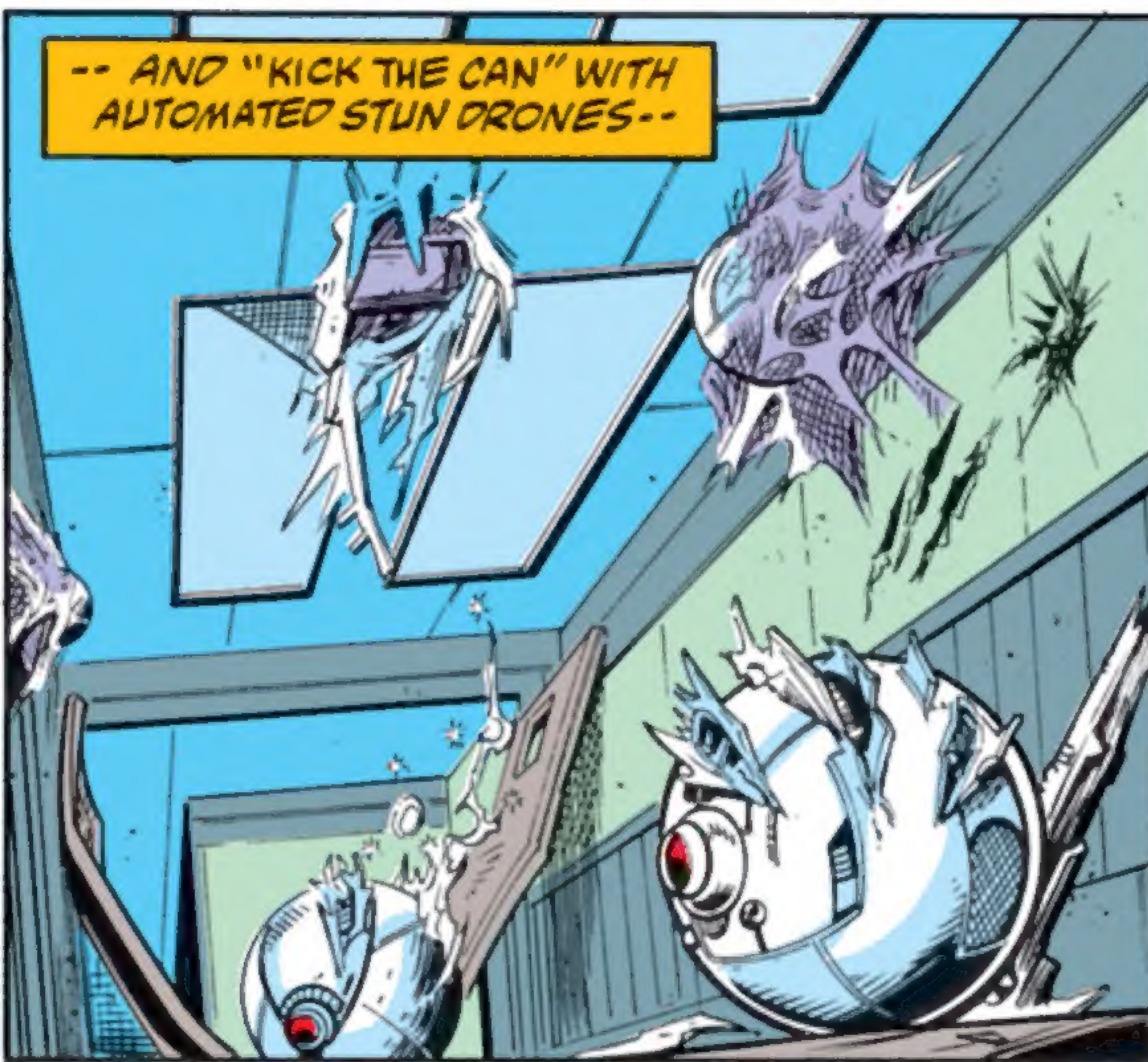
-- AND A SWIFT KICK TO A
MAINTENANCE ACCESS
DOOR!



WHILE PLAYING "TAG" WITH
QUICKLY-CLOSING SECURITY
SHUTTERS--



-- "JUMP ROPE" WITH
INTRUDER DETECTION
COILS--



-- AND "KICK THE CAN" WITH
AUTOMATED STUN DRONES--

